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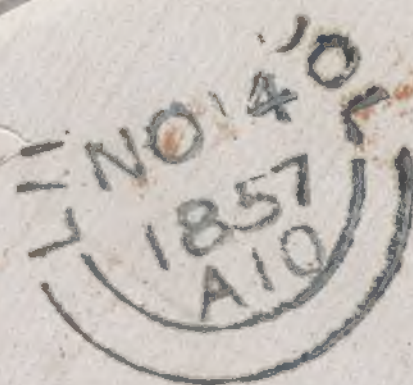
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Boston
U. S. America

I hope you have received
mine of last mail containing
Letter of credit for £4. & some remarks about
the box. - I shall try to send three W. Chandler's books
by the Glasgow box or by post. -



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My dear friends,
I have just received your letter of the 12th inst. in which you inform me that you are all well and happy. I am very glad to hear of this, and hope it may be the case for ever. I am, my dear friends, ever your affectionate friend, Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

Now I can enclose a few words of gratitude for the very interesting letter received this morning. It is always cheering & stimulating to hear from our American friends. I have been very anxious to know how our dear cause was affected by these trying times that are now visiting your land. It is a great consolation to know certainly that it cannot be injured by outward things, for the Omnipotent is its protector - but the advocates of our dear friends must suffer in the general calamity of the country. - & their suspension of power to work must appear to retard the progress of our great enterprise. My letter while it has, to some extent, confirmed our anxieties has also assured us that though you may suffer & be troubled on every hand you are not distressed - perplexed but not as despairing - discouraged, but not forsaken - cast down, but not destroyed. for you look not at the things that are seen, but at the things that are not seen. - and so may you go on, dear friends, until these calamities be overpast! - It is wisest not to think of the probable results of the Boston

but we may hope we tell the same
that perhaps you may realize more
than is now reported. At all events the
display of anti-slavery sympathies at
this time of trouble must do good. For
some of our articles I believe there will
be purchasers. We trust however entirely
to your judgment as to what to sell
at reduced rates, & what to reserve, perhaps
the more elegant that will keep without
injury might be reserved - (such as the
statuettes) unless they could sell at nearly
the price marked. - But you will be
the best judges & we shall be perfectly
satisfied with your Stewardship. &
whatever may be the pecuniary result
we shall be certain you have done
what you could. The contributions have
already realized a part of their mission
by being given & exhibited & spoken of
& admired & sent off - another part I
trust they will do, by coming to your
hands, being opened out & displayed by
you & a gain admired & recommended.
My catalogue of tokens of success ^{in the progress of the A. S. movement} is very
interesting indeed & cheering. The call
for the Disunion Convention is a wonderful
thing - it is like a great tree that has
sprung up to our admiration, who can
recollect the two little leaves that

first appeared, Garrison's enunciation of his
doctrine & H. C. Wright's little Glasgow
Pamphlet & then Clarkson's thoughts.

We have seen Miss Griffith's
book & have lent it very freely. it has
done good service here as well as in
America & Roman Catholics we hope much
from also. I enjoyed thy criticism
on the Compensation scheme very much
& felt its soundness conclusively! It is
sad indeed to follow Gerritt Smith's ex-
-pounds in his recent speeches. I feel
anxiously to see such a man standing
on such low ground. - I trust in this
day of changes, his eyes may be opened
to see it clearly & his moral power so
increased that he may abandon
it at once & forever. - I was exceedingly
glad when Mary Estlin had written to
thee; she would tell thee all about herself,
better than I can describe. I think she
must have enjoyed pretty fair
health since her return to Bristol
& I much hope she will not have to
pay the penalty by a season of pro-
-stration - after the despatch of a
multiplicity of business letters. I have
had several valuable communications
from her since her return, but hardly
time to say much of her, since thy
letter would far more competently tell

These all news of herself. - Don't think
 however we can sympathize with you
experimentally in this commercial
 crisis - The Western Bank of Scotland
 has suspended payment to the
 "City of Glasgow" Bank - Yesterday
 there was quite a panic, we were
 afraid there would be more failures.
 Even the Savings Banks were run
 upon in Edinburgh. Glasgow. Today public
 confidence is a little restored. Markets
 are quiet & it is hoped the "City" Bank
 will open again in a few days. The
 Poor Western is in much worse
 circumstances - its fall has affected
 the commercial world very much
 & again as it owes its calamity to
 America, the excitement will reach
 a little on our A. S. movements. A note
 from E. Anderson today says the Glasgow
 box will suffer much from the panic.
 I can assure there we are very glad that
 our box was fairly packed off from the
 freight paid before this failure. If
 we could have sold the contents here
 just yesterday morning it might have been
 better this year - but there generally been
 a change in the ideas of the artists in
 American eyes. - We are only required to
 live one day at a time or we might be
 forward anxiously to next year. Some
 will be a little cramped by this affair
 but we must do what we can, more will
 not be called for. - I can't like to say the